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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION,  
PROPOSITION 12, URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve the enclosed resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit a project application and negotiate a grant under the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Urban Forestry (UF) Grant Program.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The voters of California passed the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) on March 7, 2000. In Fiscal Year 2003-04, \$1.2 million is available for the UF Grant Program. Funds are to be awarded for urbanized areas, for costs associated with the purchase and planting of trees, and up to three years of care, which ensures the long-term viability of those trees.

In order to apply for the UF Grant Program, a local agency must have a resolution adopted by its governing board that indicates the person authorized to act on its behalf. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement. The Resolution delegates the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works when applying for grants and negotiating the grant terms.

If the project application is successful in receiving grant funding, the grant agreement will be presented to the Board for approval.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Children and Families' Well-Being. These grant funds will be used to plant numerous trees to improve the environment; thus, enhancing the quality of life for families residing in Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The UF Grant Program provides reimbursement for eligible activities related to the purchase, planting, and up to three years of care for parkway trees. The project to be administered under this Program, should it be selected by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, will be included in the appropriate annual budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Adoption of the enclosed Resolution does not constitute a project, nor the approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Consequently, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental document or finding of categorical exemption will be prepared for each individual project at a later date.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS**

No impact of current services.

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**CONCLUSION**

Enclosed are three copies of the Resolution. Upon approval, please return two copies of the Resolution along with two approved copies of this letter to Public Works. The remaining copy is for your records.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING  
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE  
PROPOSITION 12 URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature have enacted Proposition 12, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Urban Forestry Programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors certifies through this Resolution that the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, hereinafter referred to as "PUBLIC WORKS," is authorized to submit an application for grant funds under the program; and

WHEREAS, if PUBLIC WORKS is selected for a grant award, PUBLIC WORKS will seek the Board of Supervisors' approval of an agreement with the State of California for the performance of the project as described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filling of an application for "PROPOSITION 12" tree planting grant program funds; and
2. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the PUBLIC WORKS are available to begin the project.
4. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS will expend grant funds prior to March 1, 2006; and

5. Authorizes the Director of PUBLIC WORKS or his designee, to conduct on behalf of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works negotiations and, if a grant is awarded by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to submit to the Board of Supervisors the resulting grant agreement for Board approval.

The foregoing resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy